

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Method for multi-coat refinishing of substrates comprising the following steps:
 - A) applying a first basecoat of paint consisting of a organic solvent-based colour- and/or special-effect-imparting coating composition to a substrate precoated with a primer and/or a filler and/or further coating compositions,
 - B) applying a second basecoat of paint consisting of a water-based colour- and/or special-effect-imparting coating composition to the layer obtained under A), and
 - C) applying a clear organic solvent- or water-based lacquer coat consisting of a transparent clear coat to the paint coat obtained under B);

wherein:

- (i) said organic solvent-based basecoat is dried, or dried and cured, at ambient temperature or at temperatures in the range of 40°C to 60°C before said water-based basecoat is applied;
- (ii) said water-based basecoat is dried, or dried and cured, at ambient temperature or at temperatures in the range of 40°C to 60°C before said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat or said clear water-based lacquer coat is applied; and
- (iii) said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat or said clear water-based lacquer coat is dried and cured at ambient temperature or in the range of 40°C to 60°C,

OR wherein:

- (iv) said organic solvent-based basecoat is dried, or dried and cured, at ambient temperature or at temperatures in the range of 40°C to 60°C before said water-based basecoat is applied;
- (v) said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat or said clear water-based lacquer coat is applied wet-on-wet on said water-based basecoat; and
- (vi) said water-based basecoat, and said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat or said clear water-based lacquer coat are dried and cured at ambient temperature or at temperatures in the range of 40°C to 60°C,

OR wherein:

- (vii) said water-based basecoat is applied wet-on-wet on said organic solvent-based basecoat; and
- (viii) said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat or said clear water-based lacquer coat is applied wet-on-wet on said water-based base coat; and
- (ix) said organic solvent-based basecoat; said water-based base coat; and said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat or said clear water-based lacquer coat are dried and cured at ambient temperature or at temperatures in the range of 40°C to 60°C,

OR wherein:

- (vii) said water-based basecoat is applied wet-on-wet on said organic solvent-based basecoat; and
- (viii) said organic solvent-based basecoat and said water-based basecoat are dried, or dried and cured, at ambient temperature or at temperatures in the range of 40°C to 60°C before applying said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat or said clear water-based lacquer coat; and
- (xii) said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat or said clear water-based lacquer coat is dried and cured at ambient temperature or at temperatures in the range of 40°C to 60°C,

~~wherein said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat and/or said water-based lacquer coat is cured at ambient temperature or in the range of 40°C to 60°C;~~

AND wherein

said clear organic solvent-based lacquer coat and/or water-based lacquer coat is based on hydroxy functional binder components and polyisocyanate crosslinking agents.

2. (CANCELED)
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Method according to claim 1, wherein the organic solvent-based colour- and/or special-effect-imparting coating composition is a solid-color basecoat pigmented with colour-imparting adsorption pigments and the water-based colour- and/or special-effect-imparting coating composition is a water-based basecoat pigmented with special-effect pigments.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Method according to claim 1, wherein the organic solvent-based colour- and/or special-effect-imparting coating composition is a solid-color two-component coating composition pigmented with colour-imparting absorption pigments.

5. (ORIGINAL) Method according to claim 4, wherein the solid-color two-component coating composition contains polyisocyanates as cross-linking agents.
6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) Method according to claim 1, wherein both the organic__solvent-based colour- and/or special-effect-imparting coating composition and the water-based colour- and/or special-effect-imparting coating composition are solid-color basecoats pigmented with colour-imparting absorption pigments.
- 7-8. (CANCELED)
9. (ORIGINAL) Method according to claim 1, wherein the substrates are vehicles or vehicle components.
10. (CANCELED)
11. (ORIGINAL) A substrate coated according to the method of claim 1.